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Recess: The House recessed at 10:58 p.m. and reconvened at 12:49 a.m. on Wednesday, June 16.

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Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate appears on page H4230.

Amendments Ordered Printed: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on page H4343.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea and nay votes and three recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H4254, H4255, H4308–09, H4316–17, and H4324–25. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9:00 a.m. and adjourned at 12:50 a.m. on Wednesday, June 16.

Committee Meetings

DEBT RELIEF

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Held a hearing on Debt Relief. Testimony was heard from Tim Geithner, Under Secretary, International Affairs, Department of the Treasury; and public witnesses.

PERSONAL RETIREMENT ACCOUNTS AND ANNUITIES—SECURE INVESTMENT STRATEGIES

Committee on the Budget: Social Security Task Force held a hearing on Secure Investment Strategies for Personal Retirement Accounts and Annuities. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

CONSUMER AND INVESTOR ACCESS TO INFORMATION ACT

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Protection held a hearing on H.R. 1858, Consumer and Investor Access to Information Act of 1999. Testimony was heard from Andrew J. Pincus, General Counsel, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

DELINQUENT DEBTS—FEDERAL GOVERNMENT COLLECTION

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology held a hearing on "What is the Federal Government Doing to Collect the Billions of Dollars in Delinquent Debts it is Owed?" Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Treasury: Donald Hammond, Fiscal Assistant Secretary; and Richard Gregg, Commissioner, Financial Management Services; Thomas J. Pestka, Director, Debt Collection Services; Sally Thompson, Chief Financial Officer, USDA; and Saul Ramirez, Deputy

Secretary, Department of Housing and Urban Development.

FUTURE—ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP WITH EUROPE

Committee on International Relations: Held a hearing on the Future of Our Economic Partnership with Europe. Testimony was heard from Stuart Eizenstat, Under Secretary, Economic, Business and Agricultural Affairs, Department of State; David Aaron, Under Secretary International Trade, Department of Commerce; and a public witness.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Ordered reported H.R. 1658, Civil Asset Forfeiture Reform Act.

The Committee began markup of H.R. 1691, Religious Liberty Protection Act of 1999.

Will continue June 23.

CONSEQUENCES FOR JUVENILE OFFENDERS ACT; MANDATORY GUN SHOW BACKGROUND CHECK ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a structured rule providing one hour of general debate confined to the bill and the amendments made in order to H.R. 1501, Consequences for Juvenile Offenders Act of 1999, divided equally between the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary. The rule provides for consideration of only the amendments printed in part A of this report accompanying the resolution. The rule further provides that, except as specified in the resolution, amendments will be considered only in the order specified in part A of this report, may be offered only by a Member designated in this report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in this report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The amendments printed in part A of this report shall not be subject to amendment, except as specified in part A of this report. The rule also waives all points of order against the amendments printed in part A of this report. The rule permits the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to recognize for consideration of any amendment printed in part A of this report out of the order in which printed, but not sooner than one hour after the chairman of the Judiciary Committee or a designee announces from the floor a request to that effect. The rule also allows the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to postpone votes during consideration of the bill, and to reduce voting time to five minutes on a postponed question if the vote follows a fifteen minute vote. The rule provides one motion to recommit H.R. 1501, with or without instructions. Additionally, the rule provides one hour of general debate confined to the bill and the amendments made in order to H.R. 2122, Mandatory Gun Show Background Check Act of 1999, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority

member of the Committee on the Judiciary. The rule provides for consideration of only the amendments printed in part B of this report accompanying the resolution. The rule further provides that amendments will be considered only in the order specified in part B of this report, may be offered only by a Member designated in this report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in this report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The amendments printed in part B of this report shall not be subject to amendment. The rule also waives all points of order against the amendments printed in part B of this report. The rule also allows the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to postpone votes during consideration of the bill, and to reduce voting time to five minutes on a postponed question if the vote follows a fifteen minute vote. The rule provides one motion to recommit H.R. 2122, with or without instructions. Finally the rule provides that in the engrossment of H.R. 1501 the clerk shall add the text of H.R. 2122, as passed by the House as a new matter at the end of H.R. 1501, and then lay H.R. 2122 on the table. On June 14, the Committee heard testimony on this legislation from Chairman Hyde and Representatives McCollum, Barr of Georgia, Hutchinson, Scarborough, Goodling, Roukema, Franks of New Jersey, Kelly, Radanovich, Salmon, Wamp, Schaffer, DeMint, Fletcher, Green of Wisconsin, Hayes, Sweeney, Wilson, Conyers, Frank of Massachusetts, Nadler, Scott, Lofgren, Jackson-Lee, Waters, Delahunt, Wexler, Rothman, Baldwin, Obey, Markey, Dingell, Mink of Hawaii, Frost, Gejdenson, Slaughter, DeLauro, Stupak, Kennedy of Rhode Island, Millender-McDonald, Kucinich, Pascrell, Maloney of Connecticut, Goode, McCarthy of New York, Berkley, Udall of New Mexico, and Udall of Colorado.

PATRIOT ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, an open rule on H.R. 659, Protect America's Treasures of the Revolution for Independence for Our Tomorrow Act, providing one hour of general debate divided equally between the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Resources. The rule makes in order as an original bill for the purpose of amendment the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Resources now printed in the bill. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute be considered for amendment by title. The rule authorizes the Chair to accord priority in recognition to Members who have pre-printed their amendments in the Congressional Record. The rule allows the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to postpone votes during consideration of the bill, and to reduce voting time to five minutes on a postponed question if the vote follows a fifteen minute vote. Finally, the rule

provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

UNINSURED AMERICANS

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on Uninsured Americans. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

ENCRYPTION LEGISLATION

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to hold a hearing on Encryption legislation. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

LAUNCH FAILURES AND LAUNCH ISSUES

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on Technical and Tactical Intelligence held a hearing on Launch Failures and Launch Issues. Testimony was heard from Keith R. Hall, Director, National Reconnaissance Office, CIA; the following officials of the Department of the Air Force, Department of Defense: Darleen A. Druyan, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Acquisition and Management; and Brig. Gen. William R. Looney, USAF, Director, Operations, Headquarters Air Force Space Command; and a public witness.

Joint Meetings

HIGH-TECHNOLOGY NATIONAL SUMMIT

Joint Economic Committee: Committee held hearings to explore issues relating to the High-Technology National Summit, focusing on the impact of recent breakthroughs in computers, software and information networks on the U.S. economy and society, receiving testimony from Richard P. Riley, Secretary of Education; William H. Gates, Microsoft Corporation, Redmond, Washington; Robert Holleyman, Business Software Alliance, Washington, D.C.; William Larson, Network Associates, Santa Clara, California; Eric Schmidt, Novell, Inc., San Jose, California; Jeff Papows, Lotus Development Corporation, and Charles Vest, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, both of Cambridge; Jeremy Jaech, Visio Corporation, Seattle, Washington; Ariel Kleckner, RedGorilla.com, San Francisco, California; John F. Keane, Keane, Inc., Boston, Massachusetts; Michael J. Durham, SABRE Group, Inc., Fort Worth, Texas; and Gene Hoffman, EMusic.com, Redwood City, California.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, JUNE 16, 1999

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, to hold hearings on issues relating to prostate cancer, 9:30 a.m., SD-192.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Finance: business meeting to mark up H.R. 1833, to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2000 and 2001 for the United States Customs Service for drug interdiction and other operations, for the Office of the United States Trade Representative, for the United States International Trade Commission, and the proposed Steel Trade Enforcement Act, 9:30 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings on the nomination of Mark Wylea Erwin, of North Carolina, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Mauritius, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Federal Islamic Republic of the Comoros and as Ambassador to the Republic of Seychelles; the nomination of David B. Dunn, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Zambia; the nomination of Christopher E. Goldthwait, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Chad; the nomination of Joyce E. Leader, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Guinea; the nomination of Johnnie Carson, of Illinois, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Kenya; the nomination of Michael D. Metelits, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Cape Verde; and the nomination of Bismarck Myrick, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Liberia, 2:30 p.m., SD-562.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 10 a.m., SD-628.

Committee on Indian Affairs: business meeting to mark up S. 28, to authorize an interpretive center and related visitor facilities within the Four Corners Monument Tribal Park; S. 400, to provide technical corrections to the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996, to improve the delivery of housing assistance to Indian tribes in a manner that recognizes the right of tribal self-governance; S. 401, to provide for business development and trade promotion for native Americans, and for other purposes; S. 613, to encourage Indian economic development, to provide for the disclosure of Indian tribal sovereign immunity in contracts involving Indian tribes, and for other purposes; S. 614, to provide for regulatory reform in order to encourage investment, business, and economic development with respect to activities conducted on Indian lands; and S. 944, to amend Public Law 105-188 to provide for the mineral leasing of certain Indian lands in Oklahoma, 2:30 p.m., SR-485.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings on pending nominations, 3 p.m., SD-226.

House

Committee on Agriculture, hearing to review the structure and policies of the Loan Deficiency Payment Program, 1:30 p.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on the District of Columbia, on DC Health Initiatives, 10 a.m., H-144 Capitol.

Committee on Banking and Financial Services, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit, hearing on loan loss reserves, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Commerce, Subcommittee on Health and Environment, to continue hearings on America's Health, 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Protection, to mark up H.R. 850, Security and Freedom Through Encryption, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Subcommittee on Employer-Employee Relations, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 2041, Patient Right to Obstetric and Gynecological Care Act of 1999; H.R. 2042, Health Care Access, Affordability, and Quality Advisory Commission Act of 1999; H.R. 2043, Patient Right to Unrestricted Medical Advice Act of 1999; H.R. 2044, Patient Right to Pediatric Care Act of 1999; H.R. 2045, Patient Right to Emergency Medical Care Act of 1999; H.R. 2046, Patient Access to Information Act of 1999; H.R. 2047, Small Business Access and Choice for Entrepreneurs Act of 1999; and H.R. 2089, Group Health Plan Review Standards Act of 1999, 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy, and Human Resources, hearing on the Pros and Cons of Drug Legalization, Decriminalization and Harm Reduction, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on National Security, Veterans' Affairs, and International Relations, hearing on the Department of Defense's Financial Management: Time to Reform the Prompt Payment Act? 10 a.m., 2147 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, hearing on Malaysia: Assessing the Mahathir Agenda, 2:30 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, hearing on Democracy in the Western Hemisphere: Achievements and Challenges, 1:30 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Courts and Intellectual Property, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 1752, Federal Courts Improvement Act of 1999; and H.R. 2112, Multidistrict, Multiparty, Multiforum Jurisdiction Act of 1999, 2 p.m., 2226 Rayburn.

Committee on Science, Subcommittee on Energy and Environment and the Subcommittee on Basic Research, joint hearing on Tornadoes: Understanding, Modeling and Forecasting Supercell Storms, 3 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, Subcommittee on Benefits, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 1247, World War II Memorial Completion Act; H.R. 1476, National Cemetery Act of 1999; H.R. 1484, to authorize appropriations for homeless veterans reintegration projects under the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act; H.R. 1603, Selected Reserve Housing Loan Fairness Act of 1999; H.R. 1663, National Medal of Honor Memorial Act; and H.R. 2040, Veterans' Cemeteries Assessment Act of 1999, 10:30 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, hearing on Reducing the Tax Burden: I. Enhancing Retirement and Health, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, executive, briefing on Encryption, 3:30 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

Joint Meetings

Joint Economic Committee: to continue hearings on issues relating to the High-Technology National Summit, 10 a.m., SH-216.